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Home isolation patients remotely monitored from new DC Office

Dedicated call centre traces contacts; watches home and facility-quarantined persons

Government officers perform the role of tele callers at the remote home isolation patient monitoring system set up at the new Deputy Commissioner's Office in city this morning. Picture right shows the team that is functioning at contact tracing call centre at the office of the Mysore Palace Board.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, July 12- In its efforts to augment contact tracing exercise to help contain the rapid spread of COVID-19 and to monitor patients who are in home quarantine as per the new guidelines issued by the State Government, the Mysuru District Administration has set up a tele monitoring system where dedicated Government employees are systematically monitoring patient health progress.

A dedicated contact tracing call centre has also been established where Government employees trace the contact history of Coronavirus-infected patients and are also ensuring that home and facility quarantine norms are not violated.

While the tele monitoring system for remote monitoring has been set up at the new Deputy Commissioner's Office at Siddarthanagar, the contact tracing call centre has been set up at the office of the Mysore Palace Board. The team that traces the primary and secondary contacts of COVID-19 positive patients has been shifted to the new DC Office from the District Health Office at Nazarbad.

Centralised vitals monitoring system

The tele monitoring system is a centralised vitals monitoring system, which will allow frontline workers to monitor multiple patients under home quarantine simultaneously from a central location. As of last evening, there over 78 patients who are isolated at homes and a 10-member counselling team has been formed on July 8 to monitor their day-to-day activities and health.

Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar told reporters yesterday that those who are isolated at homes and their caretaker are counselled by the team round the clock. "Information is collected three times a day on patient condition, co-morbidities and patient appetite and other related medical conditions and the collated details are sent to doctors for medical advice. The same is conveyed to the patient caretaker and only if the condition of the patient is serious, the person will be shifted to the designated hospital," he said.

Through the call centre, all the quarantined people are called and asked questions which enable the medical team to analyse their needs and ascertain if they were following the guidelines. The team has been provided mobile phones and SIM cards by the District Administration.

Psycho-social counsellors

"Patients and their attendants are very cooperative and we perform the role of psycho-social counsellors. We deal with psychological pressures felt by patients and counsel them with repeated reassurance on their health. Patient recovery is our ultimate aim and we work in that direction," one of the team members told *Star of Mysore* this morning. Food and Civil Supplies Department Joint Director Shivanna is the Nodal Officer of the team.

Pinpointing the contacts

The contact tracing call centre functions from the office of Mysore Palace Board. There are two groups with 10 members each functioning at the call centre every alternate day.

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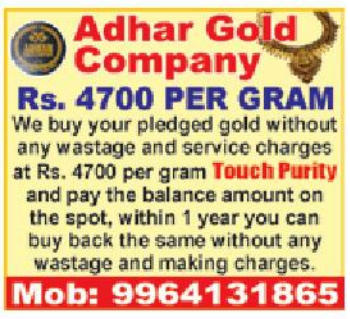
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Sunday lockdown total in city

Mysuru, July 12 (PM&DM)- The total Sunday lockdown announced by the State Government to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic was a complete success this morning in city as all commercial establishments, offices, business enterprises and other commercial activities were shut down for the day. Although it was a Government-ordered lockdown, residents voluntarily observed the bandh due to virus scare.

Today was the second Sunday lockdown, after the Government declared total lockdown across the State on all Sundays from July 5 to Aug. 2. KSRTC had suspended all bus services for the day and autos, taxis, cabs and other mode of public transport too were off the roads.

Citizens too stayed indoors as an expression of voluntary support for the lockdown. Barring hospitals, medical shops, grocery shops, fruit and vegetable stalls and such other essential service shops, all other commercial activities took a holiday.

The KSRTC Sub-Urban and City Bus Stands wore a deserted look and so also all of the Central Business District, in which major markets and other commercial establishments of the city are located.

All thoroughfares and prominent roads of the city presented an empty picture, with hardly a handful number of vehicles plying and virtually no pedestrian movement.

(See LOCKDOWN on page 7)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	83
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	773
Total ACTIVE cases	:	360
Persons discharged	:	385
Deaths	:	28

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Sunday 12th July 2020

Animal adoption continues at City Zoo

Mysuru, July 12- The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the Adoption Fee:

Lavanya Mohan, Mysuru - Budgerigar (20.7.2020 to 19.7.2023) - Rs.1,000; S. Sowmya, Mysuru - Cockatiel, River Terrapin and Monitor Lizard (8.7.2020 to 7.7.2021) - Rs.6,500; S. Vishwanath, Bengaluru - Leopard Cat (1.7.2020 to 31.6.2021) - Rs.5,000; Dr. Marjorie Banbaelinghem, Bengaluru - Indian Grey Wolf (6.7.2020 to 5.7.2021) - Rs.20,000; P. Vanajakshi, Mysuru - Common Ostrich (7.7.2020 to 6.7.2021) - Rs.10,000;Kshitij and Kshamya, Mysuru - Peacock and King Cobra (9.7.2020 to 8.7.2021) - Rs.7,000; N. Suresh, Mysuru - Four Horned Antelope (4.7.2020 to 3.7.2021) - Rs.5,000; M. Umashankar, Davangere - Great Indian Hornbill (5.7.2020 to 4.7.2021) - Rs.5,000, according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Today the Gandhis pose no serious political challenge to the BJP. Beyond a small circle of obsequious Congressmen, the Gandhis are on the verge of near political irrelevance. Sonia Gandhi, the once redoubtable Congress Chief who defeated the BJP twice, is a shadow of her past self, struggling with health concerns and only an interim Congress President. She's almost never invited to any official functions of the Modi Government and is consigned firmly to the margins. Rahul Gandhi has led his party to not one but two consecutive election routs, leaving the Congress with its career worst tally of 44 seats, has failed to even defend family seat Amethi and has resigned as Congress President. Priyanka Gandhi is politically untested, and yet to fight elections.

The sixth generation Gandhis are politically far too weak to fight the Modi-led BJP and need to make place for a new Congress leadership. But the truth is, as much as the Congress needs the Gandhis to fade away, the BJP needs them to endure.

Why does BJP need the Nehru-Gandhis? Because the Gandhis are the BJP and Sangh Parivar's perfect enemy. They provide the ideal foil against whom the BJP can consolidate and rev up its own identity. Nehru, upholder of diehard secularism, has long been the RSS bugbear, Nehruvian secularism seen as the arch enemy of Hindutva. Italian-born Sonia Gandhi provides the BJP with a highly suitable enemy figure. She's the "foreigner" against whom the party can ratchet up fervent bharatiya nationalism.

Rahul Gandhi presents a tailor-made binary to PM Modi, allowing the PM to expertly play the humble "kaamdaar" vs privileged "naamdaar" slogan to enormous advantage. Priyanka Gandhi and her husband Robert Vadra can similarly be cast as entitled Lutyensland elite, allowing the BJP to consolidate for itself a contrasting identity of authentic, grassroots Real Indians. The Nehru-Gandhis are thus the perfect enablers for the BJP's own identity and constituency.

— Sagarika Ghose in Sunday Times of India

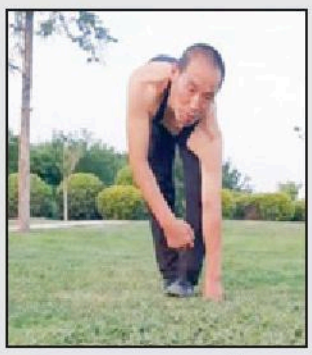
NEWS SPARKLERS

The world's loneliest plant

Kew: The Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, in the UK, are home to thousands of fascinating plants, but none as lonely as the Encephalartos woodii, an ancient cycad species and most likely, the last one of its kind.

It was in 1895 that Botanist John Medley Wood noticed this interesting-looking palm tree on a steep slope in Zululand, southern Africa. Intrigued by its multiple trunks and arched palm fronds, Dr. Wood — who made his living collecting rare plants – had some stems removed and sent to London in a box. It ended up in the Palm House at the Royal Botanical Gardens of Kew, where it has been waiting for a mate for over a century. Despite numerous efforts to find it a mate, the Encephalartos woodii at Kew remains alone, unable to produce an offspring and propagate its species. For this reason, many consider it the world's loneliest plant.

Monkey exercise for 30 years keeps him fit!



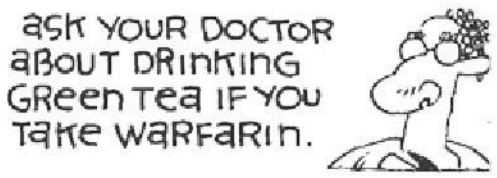
Beijing: A 50-year-old man from China has been exercising by moving around on all fours and climbing trees like a monkey every day for the past three decades.

Chen Haigang, a fitness enthusiast from China's Shanxi province, attracts attention whenever he exercises in public, due to the bizarre routine he has been practicing for about 30 years. Instead of tai-chi, jogging or simple stretching, Chen acts like a monkey, and even imitating the primates' tree-climbing techniques.

He has been doing ever since he was inspired by a monkey and claims that it's been keeping him healthy.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Are there any contradictions with green tea?



The polyphenol compound in green tea, expigallocatechin galate, has far-reaching benefits, including anti-cancer, as well as improved cholesterol levels and increased stamina. However, green tea is high in Vitamin K, which can interfere with the effectiveness of warfarin.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Online Workshop on 'Career Opportunities'

Mysuru, July 12- The Department of Civil Engineering, The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, is organising an online workshop on 'Career Opportunities and Guidance' under the sponsorship of Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-III), from July 13 to 15.

The workshop will be inaugurated by chief patron of the event Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Principal, NIE, on July 13 in online platform at 10 am.

Dr. M.S. Ganeshprasad, Dean (Academic Affairs), will be the guest of honour. Dr. H.S. Prasanna, Chairman, TPAC, NIE and Dr. K.C. Manjunath, Professor and Head, Civil Engineering Department, will preside.

The online workshop comprises of three days webinar series by industry and academic experts.

H.V. Nagesh, Founder-Director, CSSE, Mysuru, will be speaking on Civil Engineering Applications - An Overview, Harish Machia, Principal Associate - Idental Management Consultancy, Mysuru, will give a motivational lecture on Personality Development and Communication Skills, Dr. C.H. Solanki, Professor, NIT, Surat, Gujarat, will be delivering a lecture on Opportunities in Civil Engineering - Post COVID Scenario, and Aswath Bhargava of Saadhana Engg & Business Consulting services, Bengaluru, will discuss on Integrated Employability skill development.

Resource persons from Dept. of Civil Engineering Dr. H. S. Prasanna will discuss on Internship and Placement opportunities, Anand M. Hulagabali will deliver a talk on guidelines for career in Civil Engineering.

The sessions will begin at 10 am and will conclude by 12.15 pm on all days from July 13 to July 15.

Dr. H.S. Prasanna, Prof. Anand M. Hulagabali, Asst. Professor, Vedaprada, Asst. Professor, from Civil Engineering Department, NIE will be co-ordinators. N. Roopa, Asst. Professor, Civil Engineering Department, NIE, will be the Organising Secretary.

For details, e-mail: *principal@nie.ac.in,* according to a press release from the College.

Really...?

- ***The word LASER stands for 'Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.'***
- ***Your skin is the largest organ making up the human body.***
- ***Cows don't have upper front teeth.***
- ***Everyday is a holiday somewhere in the world.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Interviewer: ***What do you have planned for the future?***
Motu: ***Lunch***
Interviewer: ***No, like long term.***
Motu: ***Oh... Dinner!!!***

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.20
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.92
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.47
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.93

VOICE OF THE READER

Stray thoughts on online classes for school students

Sir,

This refers to online classes for primary and high school students. I wonder how parents who live in the rural or remote places with no/ less network coverage will cope up with this system.

If both parents are working, how will they help their children during online classes?

If a parent has got two or more kids studying in the same school or different how will they be able to make both the kids attend online classes as the timings might clash and lack of affordability to buy more than one laptop? Those parents who can't afford to purchase laptop or computers for online classes how are they going to help themselves?

Online classes are weekly thrice or twice, so why is the school administration expecting the same prescribed fees since parents have to spend money for laptop, internet data expenses?

I request authorities concerned to look into this matter and help parents.

1. Special leave without pay cut should be sanctioned for both or single parents who are working in private or government institutions. They should be able to avail special leave on the concerned days when his/ her kid/kids has online classes. **2.** Network coverage should be good for online classes. **3.** Discounts should be given for students who have to buy laptops/ computers for their online classes. **4.** Reduce school fees as its online and not regular. **5.** In case both the parents are of first generation learners lacking knowledge of technology, then concerned schools must help them orienting about online classes by visiting them personally. **6.** If parents are having 1 or more than 2 children and both kids are studying in the same school or different, their online class time schedule should be adjusted so that their children can gain maximum benefits.

—P. Lohith
Bogadi 9.7.2020

Free online training sessions on commodity trading

Mysuru, July 12- Economy is losing balance and countless entrepreneurs and companies have been sent into a tailspin due to COVID-19 pandemic. Now there is an urgent need for consulting among investors and immediate support measures are required.

It is crucial for each individual to adapt financial discipline and face extreme challenges to stabilise their own financial situations. Himalaya Commodities is conducting free online training sessions on commodity trading to support each individual to understand the nitty-gritty of financial management.

These training sessions are conducted in association with Spica Wealth Management with basic focus on commodity market and trading methods. This is similar to an equity market but instead of buying or selling shares, one buys or sells various commodities and their derivatives products.

Himalaya Commodities is an ISO 9001: 2015-certified company that helps investment community and traders enhance their proficiency in trading. It offers distinct training sessions by imparting definite knowledge and skills thereby amplifying the level of confidence and expertise.

The training is provided by G.N. Krishna Murthy, Founder, Himalaya Commodities and Co-founder and Head of Technical Research — Commodity at Spica Wealth Management. He has been actively trading in commodities on Indian exchanges for over a decade.

For registration to online training sessions call – 9916625148. For more information, visit ***www.Spicawealth.com*** or ***www.himalayacommodities.com***

Chief Minister to hold video conference tomorrow

Mysuru, July 12- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will hold a video conference with all the DCs, SPs and ZP CEOs of all the districts in the State from his home-office tomorrow at 11 am, in connection with the rising number of COVID-19 positive cases.

All the District Ministers and Political Secretaries are also asked to join the video conference through CISCO jabber-KSWAN studios mobile app, according to CM's office.

Kautilya Vidyalaya adopts innovative approach to conduct online classes

Evening classes in the presence of parents

Mysuru, July 12 (SBD&SD)- While most of the private schools have started conducting online classes for their students, Kautilya Vidyalaya has adopted an innovative approach in this regard — conducting evening classes in the presence of parents.

Recently, the Karnataka High Court stayed State Government notifications placing restrictions on conduct of online classes by private schools. The Court's order paved the way for schools to resume online courses. Earlier, for about a month, there was a heated debate going on about pros and cons of conducting online classes for students.

While in most of the schools there is no difference between regular classes and online classes, Kautilya is involving parents too so that they could monitor their kids while attending online classes. The most common complaint from parents and teachers is that their students are not attentive and engaged. Families in which both parents are working also have to face problems pertaining to monitoring and setting up online classes, especially for younger students.

To tackle these issues, Kautilya is conducting online classes in three sessions; from 10 am to 12 pm, 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm and again from 5 pm to 7 pm. Parents have been advised to be present with their wards in at least one of these three sessions and about 40 percent of them have opted for the evening session. In case of any network problems or if the family has only one mobile with two kids or any other issues, parents and their kids can attend any one of the three sessions. Over the last one week, Kautilya is in touch with parents of LKG to sixth standard students and starting online classes for all sections from July 13.

But for Class 7 to Class 10 students, Kautilya has been conducting online classes from the last three months. These classes are quite different from normal regular classes.

These are challenging times, but we need to emerge stronger than before. We need these kind of innovative ideas to involve our students and encourage them learn new skills. Parents are very happy about our new approaches to online classes."

—R. Raghu, Chairman, Kautilya Vidyalaya

We cannot simply conduct online classes just like any other regular classes. Students may not be attentive enough as it might be boring for them. For this reason, we are conducting activity based Clip Chart model classes for our 7th to 10th standard students and getting very good response from them. We are giving suitable topics two days before hand and students are appearing for the classes with their charts and models related to each topic. LKG to 6th standard students are really enjoying their 'Social Hour.' In April itself, we have trained all our teachers for these online classes which they are now conducting from their homes."

— Dr. L. Savitha, Principal, Kautilya Vidyalaya

Every week, students are being given a topic and learners are taught and encouraged to self-study, manage their time better and to properly use a text-book. Tutors are always on hand to guide learners.

Three to four students are grouped together to strengthen their competitive edge. Every week, mini-tests are being conducted in which each student has to write within 30 minutes and after completion, results are announced within two minutes.

In addition to these innovative measures, class representatives have been selected for each classes, who have been given the responsibility of handling preparatory work related to online classes.

Social distancing does not mean social isolation and there must be a way to feel connected to others. To this end, Kautilya is organising 'Social Hour' once in a week for LKG to sixth standard students in which both parents and their children can share their experiences. "During Social Hour, parents have the opportunity to showcase their talents while teachers are conducting activities such as quiz, memory games and pick and speech so that there is an opportunity to develop bondage and a sense of belonging within our community of parents, kids and teachers," said Kautilya Vidyalaya Principal Dr. L. Savitha.

Dr. Suma Harinath enthralls *rasikas* through online concert

Mysuru, July 12- City-based 'Swaralaya School of Music' President Vidu. Dr. Suma Harinath gave a live Facebook presentation of light music recently at Brindavan auditoriam, Vinaya Marg, Siddarthanagar in city.

She presented various devotional songs, including 'Narayana Ninna Nama Smarana', 'Innu Dayabarade', 'Ishtu Dina Yee Vaikunta', 'Raghavendra Raya', 'Hejje Nodona Bare' and other songs.

She sang for more than one hour which left the Facebook audience spellbound.

Dr. Suma Harinath was accompanied by Vid. V. Shyamu on tabla and 'Piteelu Vadana Praveena' C. Chetan on violin. The programme was organised by Sanjeevkumar of Haridasa Keertana Project, Bengaluru.

NEWS BRIEFS

Calling Savita Samaja members

The Karnataka Savita Samaja Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible candidates belonging to Savita Samaja community, including Nayinda, Pariyala, Ambattan, Bajantri, Bandari, Chowriya, Hadapada, Hajama, Kavutian, Kelasi, Kshowirika, Mahale, Mangala, Melugara, Nadiga, Napita, Navalig, Navi, Nayanaja Kshatriya, Nahvi, Vajantri and Savita communities for availing loans and subsidies under various Government Schemes for Traditional Occupation and Self Help Groups. The application forms can be downloaded free of cost from the website dbcdc.karnataka.gov.in or obtained from district office and uploaded along with supporting documents to the website or submitted to the office of D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation before Aug.3. For further information, contact Ph: 0821-2341194, according to a release from the Karnataka Savita Samaja Development Corporation.

Kalabhairava Puja tomorrow

As part of Ashtami, special abhisheka and homa to Sri Kalabhairaveshwara will be conducted at Sri Satyanarayana swamy Sannidhi in Sri Amruteshwaraswamy Temple at Devaraja Mohalla tomorrow (July 13) at 9 am. Devotees can send nakshatra, rashi and name through WhatsApp to Mob: 98451-83392 or 93410-44210. Prasadam can be collected between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm on that day (July 13) or between 10 am and 1 pm the next day (July 14), according to a press release from Amruteshwaraswamy Temple.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Yesterday	103.85 ft
Inflow	8,574 cusecs
Outflow	3,093 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,270.49 ft
Inflow	2,912 cusecs
Outflow	1,563 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,850.76 ft
Inflow	1,355 cusecs
Outflow	300 cusecs

District Minister impressed

by hygiene at MyMUL production unit

Mysuru, July 12- Cooperation and Mysuru District In-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar, who paid a surprise visit to MyMUL (Mysuru Milk Union Limited) production unit on Bannur Road in city last evening, lauded the hygiene maintained at every department of the facility.

He inspected various departments including milk collection unit, cold storage area and milk products unit and reviewed the cleanliness maintained over there.

He instructed unit Managing Director Ashok to ensure that every employee who enters the MyMUL premises are screened through thermal scanner and provide them with masks and sanitisers.

Pointing out that the health and safety of MyMUL staff and Nandini milk products consumers alike is important too, Somashekar said that officials must take precautionary measures such as thermal screening, wearing of facemask, maintenance of physical distancing and usage of hand sanitisers before the staff get engaged in work.

He urged the MD to send out a message to everyone that cleanliness, health and safety is of utmost importance during COVID-19 times.

Referring to Nandini Milk Products, Somashekar said that the public must patronise Nandini Milk products as they are of good quality in keeping with international standards.

Appealing the public to use Nandini Milk and other byproducts such as curd, butter and ghee for their daily needs, he said that more consumption of Nandini products will encourage dairy farmers. Stressing on the need for promoting local products, he complimented MyMUL for its consistency in quality and marketing techniques.

MyMUL MD Ashok said that MyMUL procures 7.20 lakh litres of milk everyday from milk producers in the region. Out this, three lakh litres go for milk supplies and curd, meeting local demand. The rest of the milk is used for the manufacture of a variety of milk products and also to meet the requirements of Mother Dairy in Bengaluru, whenever asked for.

The Minister inspected milk collection and storage centre, freezer facility, milk powder production plant and other manufacturing units of MyMUL.

District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev and others were present.

Bribe for providing justice

Metagalli Inspector, Constable suspended

Mysuru, July 12 (RK&KS)- Metagalli Inspector B. Raghavendra Gowda and Constable Bheemanna, who were caught by the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths on July 8, while they were accepting a bribe of Rs. 75,000 from the brother of a rape victim to provide justice, have been suspended.

Raghavendra

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that the Inspector and the Constable have been suspended on Thursday and suspension orders have been issued to them.

The Inspector and the Constable, who were arrested on Wednesday, were produced before the Magistrate on Thursday, who has remanded them to judicial custody.

It is learnt that as the Inspector and the Constable complained of chest pain, they have been admitted to Jayadeva Hospital.

Thieves rob chocolates from bakery

Attempt to burgle milk booth

Mysuru, July 12 (RK&KS)- A gang of burglars, who seems to love chocolates, have made away with Cadbury Dairy Milk chocolates and other chocolate packets from a bakery at Nadanahalli and have also attempted to forcibly open the rolling shutters of a milk booth near Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Layout in city on Friday night.

The burglars, who first gained entry into Sri Krishna Bakery at Nadanahalli by forcibly opening the rolling shutters, have made away with Rs. 150 cash, Cadbury Dairy Milk chocolates and also packets of various chocolates from the bakery.

Later, the burglars (same gang or others is yet to be known), have also attempted to open the shutters of the milk booth near the entrance arch of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Layout near Alanahalli.

Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Unidentified elderly persons found dead

Mysuru, July 12 (YDS&KS)- In separate cases, a woman and a man have been found dead in Devaraja Police limits in city.

In the first case, an unidentified man aged between 55 and 60 years was found dead on Dhanvantri Road here.

In the second case, an unidentified woman aged between 65 and 70 years was found dead at the bus stop near K.R. Hospital.

Devaraja Police, who have registered separate cases, have shifted the bodies to MMC&RI mortuary.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Devaraja Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418306 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Police.

Mysuru reports eight COVID-19 deaths, 83 positive cases in a single day

Mysuru, July 12 (MTY&KS)- Mysuru reported 83 Coronavirus positive cases and 8 deaths yesterday (July 11), which has been confirmed by the State media bulletin issued last evening. The cumulative positive cases in Mysuru stands at 773 and total active cases are 360.

For the first time there have been eight deaths in a single day yesterday. The previous day's death count stood at 20 and with the latest eight deaths, the total number of people losing lives in Mysuru has gone up to 28.

According to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar's daily media bulletin last evening, the deceased are 42-year-old male, near Shankara Mutt, 71-year-old male from Chamaraja Mohalla, 76-year-old male from Ramakrishnanagar, 55-year-old male from Mandi Mohalla, 68-year-old male from Rajivnagar, 68-year-old male from Rajkumar Road at Sathagalli, 58-year-old male from Dwarkanagar in Mandya and 56-year-old female from Rathan Singh Street in Mandi Mohalla here.

78 persons in Home Quarantine: There are more number of people who are undergoing nursing care at their homes than in private hospital in city.

As the Government has permitted asymptomatic persons to undergo nursing care in Home Quarantine, it has received good response and according to the bulletin by the District Administration on Saturday, out of 360 COVID positive persons, 78 of them are undergoing nursing care in Home Quarantine and 24 are under treatment at private hospitals. The remaining 258 positive persons are admitted to the COVID Hospital.

List of new containment zones: According to the media bulletin by the DC yesterday, the following are the new containment zones in Mysuru. Cauvery Nagar, behind JSS Dental College at Bannimantap, 3rd Main, 11th Cross at Tilak Nagar, Vasantha Nagar at Bogadi 2nd Stage near L&T, near Polar Bear Ice Cream Parlour at Jayalakshmipuram 3rd Main, Reddy Complex on SBI Main Road near Surya Bakery in Hebbal, Sawday Road in Mandi Mohalla, 6th Cross, B-Block in Mahadevapura, Olive Residency in Bamboo Bazar, Olive Residency in Vijayanagar 2nd stage, Veene Sheshanna Road 5th Cross near Bullet Showroom in K.R. Mohalla, Hosa Bandikeri 2nd Cross near Nanjumalige Circle, KHB Colony near Vijaya Bank in Hootagalli, D. Subbaiah Road near former MLA M.K. Somashekar's house, Kamatageri 1st Cross in Mandi Mohalla, Dr. Nasira Health Care on Syed Abdul Rehman Road in Udayagiri, Gokulam 3rd Stage near Aditya Hospital, 11th Cross in Gangotri Layout near Bisilu Maramma Temple, 2nd Main, 5th Cross at Lokanayaka Nagar behind ED Hospital, 19th Main, 4th Cross, near K.D. Circle in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Near Alada Mara in Ramakrishna Nagar, 4th Main, 9th Cross in Vidyaranyapuram, Krishnamurthypuram 4th cross, 10th Cross, Behind Al-Badar Masjid in Rajivnagar 2nd Stage and Gangothri Apartment, near Kukkarahalli Lake in Saraswathipuram.

Chamarajanagar sees first COVID death

Neighbouring district Chamarajanagar saw its first COVID death yesterday following the demise of a 58-year-old man who was admitted at the Kollegal Sub-Division Hospital.

The deceased was admitted to the hospital on July 8 with respiratory problems and his throat fluid was collected and sent for COVID test. But the person breathed his last before the lab report arrived.

As the lab report confirmed him to be COVID positive, the Ward at the hospital where the deceased was admitted was sanitised and sealed and the doctors, nurses who treated him and the deceased's family members and those who were in contact with him, have been placed under Home Quarantine.

Considerable decrease in prices of groceries as transportation of goods returns to normalcy

Mysuru, July 12 (YDS&KS)- The prices of groceries, which had skyrocketed following lockdown, has seen a considerable decrease in prices as transportation of goods has returned to normalcy.

Though there was no restrictions for vehicles transporting essential commodities during lockdown, there was problems in transporting goods from one district to another and also from one State to another. This had resulted in less stock at shops as Tur dal and onion from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and rice and other commodities from Ballari and Raichur could not be transported.

Making use of the opportunity, grocery stores had created artificial shortage of stocks and had increased the prices of rice, tur dal, green gram, other pulses and cooking oil by Rs. 5 to Rs. 10. But now, as transportation of goods has returned to normalcy, the prices of groceries and other essential commodities have decreased.

Purushotham, Proprietor of Mahalakshmi Traders at Old RMC, speaking to *SOM,* said that during the initial days of the lockdown, there were problems with the transportation of goods which had led to shortage of essential commodities including groceries and resulted in the price rise. He further said that as the transportation of goods is normal now, the prices of essential commodities including pulses and other items have reduced considerably.

Prices at Old RMC: The price of Sona Masoori Rice now is Rs. 4,000 per quintal (during lockdown Rs. 5,500). The prices of other brands are: 2nd Grade Sona Massori Rice is now Rs. 3,200, Basaweshwara brand Rs. 5,000, M.R. Gold Rs. 4,800, 777 mark Steamed Rice Rs. 3,500 and 2nd Grade Bullet brand rice is now being sold at Rs. 3,200 per quintal.

The prices of pulses and other items are: Tur Dal Rs. 9,000 a quintal (during lockdown Rs. 10,000), Channa Dal Rs. 5,200 (during lockdown Rs. 6,000), Urad Dal Rs. 8,400 (during lockdown Rs. 10,000), Green Gram Rs. 10,000 (during lockdown 13,000) and Kadale Kaalu Rs. 5,200 (during lockdown Rs. 6,000).

Dry red chilli is now sold at Rs. 12,000, Wheat Rs. 3,000, Ragi Rs. 2,800, Sunpure Cooking Oil (10 kg box) Rs. 1,005 (during lockdown Rs. 1,050), Palm Oil (10 kg) Rs. 765 and Deepam Oil (10 kg) is now being sold at Rs. 800.

Two more COVID infected women give birth to healthy babies

Mysuru, July 12 (MTY&DM)- After four COVID-19 infected expectant women underwent safe child birth in the city in the past couple of weeks, two more such infected pregnant women had safe child birth at the designated Lakshmidevamma Shankarasetty Maternity Hospital in Jayalakshmipuram yesterday.

The delivery was carried out by doctors from Cheluvamba Hospital through a Caesarean section and both the women and infants (a boy and a girl) are in good health, it is learnt. While the first Caesearan section was carried out at 1.37 pm, the second one was performed at 3.04 pm.

The first woman, a resident of Bengaluru, had come to her maternal house at Kesare, when she was tested positive for COVID-19. As she was an expectant woman, she was admitted to the designated Lakshmidevamma Sankarasetty Maternity Hospital at Jayalakshmipuram about 15 days ago.

The second woman is the wife of a cook from Odisha who was working in the city. As she was found COVID-19 infected, she was admitted to the same Hospital. As both the women complained of labour pain on Saturday, a six-member team of Doctors and other medical staff from Cheluvamba Hospital performed Caesarean section, ensuring a safe child birth for both the COVID-19 infected women.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that another infected pregnant woman is expected to have child birth today.

The first child birth of infected woman at the Hospital was reported on June 20, the second one on June 27, the third one on June 28 and the fourth one on June 30 and the two child births on Saturday are the first ones in July at the Hospital. All the four women had undergone a Caesarean section.

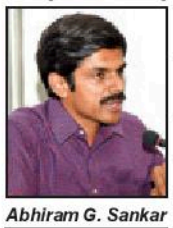
DC's plan bears fruit

Thanks to the farsightedness of Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar, the Lakshmidevamma Sankarasetty Maternity Hospital at Jayalakshmipuram was turned into a maternity Hospital for COVID-19 infected pregnant woman.

The DC, realising that admission of infected pregnant women at General Hospitals may prove to be a health risk for other patients, wasted no time in declaring the Jayalakshmipuram Maternity Hospital as the designated Maternity Hospital for infected pregnant women.

A team of doctors and other medical staff from Cheluvamba Hospital and Nursing faculty of the Maternity Hospital are put in charge of child births of all infected pregnant women.

Visit Govt. office only if it is absolutely necessary: DC Abhiram G. Sankar



Abhiram G. Sankar

Mysuru, July 12- In view of rising number of Corona cases in city, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar has advised the public not to visit the Government offices unless it is absolutely necessary.

"Officers and other staff officers working at district and taluk levels of departments should maintain social distancing and set up kiosks to receive pleas and complaints from the public. Meanwhile, I would like to advise public to visit the Government offices only during unavoidable situations," he said in a press release.

Public catch girl fleeing with purse

Mysuru, July 12 (YDS&KS)- Public have caught a girl fleeing with a woman's purse at Devaraja Market and have handed her over to the Police.

On Saturday morning, Vasantha, a resident of Paduvarahalli, had been to Devaraja Market to purchase flowers and while she was purchasing, a girl snatched her purse and fled from the spot.

Shocked Vasantha immediately screamed for help which attracted the attention of the public, who immediately chased the girl, caught her and handed over to the Police.

A case has been registered at Devaraja Police Station.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Learning Life's Lessons from Fali S. Nariman: India's Advocate Extraordinaire ! – 1

Eight years ago I walked into our local Sapna Book House and bought a book titled *"Fali S. Nariman, Before Memory Fades..."* It was an autobiography in the form of a collection of reminiscences.

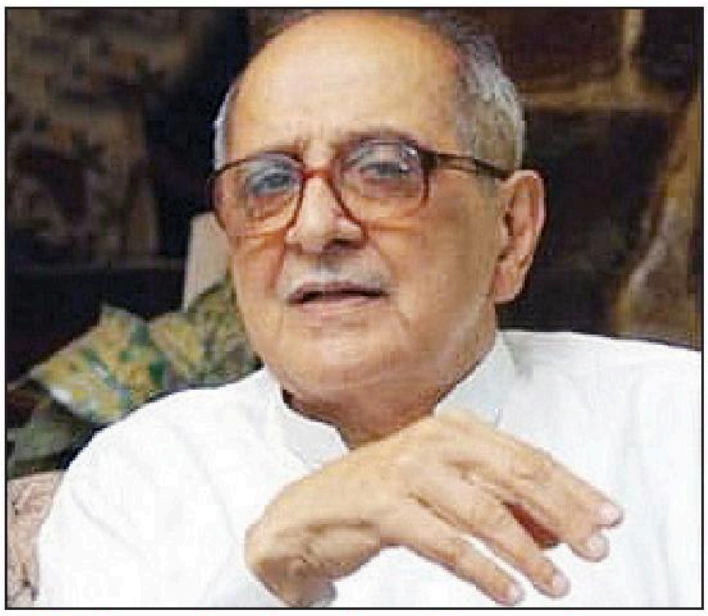
Having studied law and served as an 'adjournment' lawyer, or as Nariman says of this period as "More watching than Pleading," for a senior before making a course-correction in my career, I was interested to know about this celebrity lawyer who made it to the acme of this competitive profession. A refugee from Burma following Japanese occupation of Burma during the World War II, he was born on 10th January 1929 at the General Hospital in Rangoon, then British India. He is of Persian ancestry (Iran), his religion being Zoroastrian (Parsi).

Interestingly, our Congress politician and former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh who, after a visit to Azerbaijan, once part of Persia (Iran), wrote, with apparent desire to please Fali Nariman that when he was in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, he saw the statue of Azerbaijan's famous politician Nariman Narimanov and told his 'guide' that "one of India's best known lawyers and one of India's most lovable public personalities is also Nariman."

Here, I recall the words of Brutus in the Shakespearean play "Julius Caesar" wherein Brutus says, "But when I tell him he hates flatterers, He says he does, being then most flattered." But I must hasten to say here that neither Jairam Ramesh is Brutus nor Nariman the Caesar in this context. I was only thinking of shades of flattery in our life! Let it be.

However, the instant response from Fali Nariman shows him as a humble and noble person sans pretensions. He writes to Jairam thanking him for the information but says, "...But I assure you we were and are Parsi Zoroastrian (of Persian origin) hailing from India! But how sweet of you to have thought of me in such affectionate terms."

Yes, the word "sweet." The Oxford thesaurus had many synonyms for the word sweet. May be, sweet Fali Nariman chose the word as befitting a person like Jairam Ramesh, known to be highly courteous and nuanced. Let this pass for now.



He then talks about how 'Some unknown person' gives you a helping hand. This is what he says, "Life is full of surprises. Whether you do or do not believe in Destiny or in Providence or in God, be sure that — out of the blue — some stranger, some unknown person, at one time or the other, will reach out and give you a helping hand as you journey along on the rough roads of life. I had no 'Godfathers' in Bombay. But God helped."

The thin Chapter One of the book is where I discovered the 'destiny' of each man playing its role as the man moves along in his life's journey. I found the very essence of the whole book in this Chapter. The rest of the book simply deals with pursuit of life in its various, multiple forms common to all human beings — as pursuing a profession, finding a spouse, begetting children, working hard to earn money, gain name, position and fame. I guess in each individual's life, anywhere in the world, there appears to be many turning points. Each turning point will shape the future of the man. Fali Nariman says, "Our arrival in New Delhi marked the first turning point in my life — landing as a refugee from Burma, uprooted from home and hearth."

According to Fali Nariman, the next turning point in his life was when he joined the Bombay Bar in November 1950.

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After working as a trainee — apprentice in a law firm — he was very lucky (and this could also be a third turning point) to secure entry into one of the most prestigious 'Chambers' in Bombay — the Chambers of Sir Jamshedji Kanga. He never looked back thereafter.

Kanga's Chamber was in the High Court building and Fali Nariman gives the reader an insight into three different impressions of JUSTICE as depicted in the carvings on the stone facade of the High Court building.

In short, the **Victorian Model or Ideal of Justice** (with the lady standing blindfolded), the **Indian Model or Ideal of Justice** where the lady is not blindfolded and in the third Model the architect has carved, at the base of the High Court building tower, the face and front paws of a monkey! Is it the **Architect's Model of Justice!?** Well, does he suggest that if Law, as said in jest, is an ass, Justice is a monkey? I do not know. Fali Nariman was silent.

Rightly, Nariman emphasises the importance of the Senior Advocate (Lawyer's Chamber) in whose office a junior or apprentice lawyer begins his career. According to Nariman, when one has to name the great and famous lawyers, it is like also mentioning the "Chamber." He says, it reminded him that "When you mention a famous race horse, they ask you, 'from which stable?' The stable is important. It establishes the ancestry and the breed."

Likewise, "When you name a (great and famous) lawyer who has done well, people ask: From which Chamber?" The Chamber is important. Nariman was lucky to start his career from Kanga's Chambers.

Nariman recalls a story, told by Kanga, about founding of the famous Willingdon Sports Club in Bombay. Lord Willingdon, Governor of Bombay (1913-1918), had invited (an Indian) Sir Mahadeva Bhaskar Chaubal, Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, who was visiting Bombay, to a lunch at the famous exclusive Club for whites only, known as Byculla Club. The lunch was arranged but when the chief guest Sir Bhaskar Chaubal arrived at the Byculla Club he was refused admission. 'No Indians please,' said the Club Management to him at the door. The story does not say what the Governor Lord Willingdon did except feeling 'furious' when the Club overruled the Governor's guest-list. The story does not also say how and where the Indian-origin chief guest was served luncheon.

The story goes that Lord Willingdon then decided to establish such a Club where there are no distinction and a man of sufficient social position can be admitted. Interestingly, Sir M.B. Chaubal was one of its Founder-Members! Politics keeps changing, society keeps evolving so also individual man's life guided by providence and destiny. There are many gems Fali Nariman has adorned the book with that relate to humanity.

He writes about the manner successful people should display humane quality while dealing with fellow employees, specially. He writes about one J.M. Thakore, nephew of the legendary lawyer Motilal Setalvad. When Gujarat State was formed, he was appointed the State's Advocate General.

Nariman writes a particularly touching and revealing quality of J.M. Thakore recalling what he told Nariman many years ago. **Here it is: That J.M. Thakore firmly believed that a successful lawyer should not disturb the even order of things. For instance, you don't dispense with members of your staff however old and inefficient they have become. If you have made progress in life, it is because of the good fortune not of yourself alone, but of persons around you as well, including those who are dependent on you.**

After recounting another similar incident related to Sir Dinshah Mulla and his wife, Nariman with great humility, humbling himself for a great lawyer that he is, writes: "Great lawyers instinctively know that luck or providence — call it what you will — plays such a major role in their lives and in their success, that they never push it too hard!"

Pardon me, I may sound immodest when I say that in all my life as a small-time entrepreneur I have followed the ideal enunciated by J.M. Thakore and another Sir Dinshah Mulla's wife mentioned above.

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Sunday lockdown total in city

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The ever-busy K.R. Circle, Ayurveda Hospital Circle, Dhanvanthri Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Irwin Road, Dewans Road, N.S. Road etc., presented a completely different picture today in view of the lockdown. As a regulatory measure, the Police had erected barricades at all major junctions, prominent roads, public places and traffic signal joints in order to restrict vehicular and pedestrian movements.

Today's lockdown is central to the 35-hour curfew, starting from 6 pm yesterday to 5 am tomorrow (July13).The city Police had warned the public against unnecessarily venturing out on to the streets either on foot or in vehicles, in violation of the curfew.

However, meat shops were open as meat comes under the list of essential commodities. Although hotels too were allowed to open only for parcel deliveries and takeaways, hardly a couple of hotels were seen open.

The success of the total lockdown, which very much resembled a voluntary bandh with overwhelming support from the city residents, gave some relief to the Police, who were entrusted with the responsibility of enforcing the lockdown.

Home isolation patients remotely monitored

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The work entails tracing contacts of every COVID-19 positive patient, how they may have contracted the infection, the people they might have spread the virus to and dealing with psychological pressures felt by patients or those under quarantine.

"Contact tracing starts with the patient. The reference point is the infected person and we reach others through them. People who travelled and communicated with them need to be identified. The challenge was pinpointing the contacts. Mapping out the journey is not difficult with regard to travel history. The rest depends on the memory of the patient," said an officer who works in the group.

In addition, the phones of those persons quarantined are geo-fenced (tracked by GPS) and if they move out of the quarantine centre or from their homes, an automated alert is issued to the call centre. "We call the persons and warn them not to venture out of homes. In extreme cases, the Police are informed to take action on violators," the officer said.

The contact tracing call centre functioning from Mysuru Palace Board office

On an average one person in the team makes over 300 calls per day and the entire 10-member team makes over 3,000 calls from 9.30 am to 5 pm. Later, the reports are collated in a spreadsheet and sent to the District Health Officer. Calls are made within the Mysuru District boundaries and officials from Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Regional Commissioner's Office and MUDA Office.

The call centre teams are supervised by V.N. Poornima, District Coordinator, Swachh Bharat Mission at Zilla Panchayat and Deputy Tahsildar Girija. Nodal Officer is Dr. M Krishnaraju, Deputy Secretary (Development) at Zilla Panchayat.

Obituary

Alhaj Yousuf Shariff

Mysuru, July 12 - Alhaj Yousuf Shariff (70), retired Sub-Inspector, President of Tahafuz-e-khabrastan Committee and a resident of Ayesha Masjid Road in Rajivnagar, passed away last evening at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Mask through the eyes of a doctor...

The Mask, Unmasked

By Dr. Aathira Ravindranath
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Donning a mask has become a way of life. As the sun rays make columns of light through my window I await for the cheerful smile of my milkmaid. I see the wrinkling eyes above her white mask and assume it is the morning greeting. The newspaper gets flung across my gate by gloved hands and I get a glimpse of another mask — this one was thick and dark.

I wonder whether the milkmaid and the newspaper boy matched their masks with the milk and the newsprint! After a hurried glance through the worrying Corona statistics printed in bold, I get ready to go to the hospital. Thankfully, I don't have to worry about the colour of my lipstick now.

I drive through empty roads manned by Policemen wearing monotonous khakis and bright blue masks. I get stopped and when I declare that I am a doctor, a humble Constable asks me if I can give him a spare mask. That was when I noticed his dirty mask which had been reused multiple times begging to be discarded. I also noticed his weary eyes and tanned forehead. I sheepishly promised to get one from the hospital the next time.

At the hospital gate, I am let inside after the guard checks my car number. I forgot that my car has a better identity than my masked face. I meet expressionless doctors, nurses and patients. We fail to recognise each other in scrub suits and masks. But the good change is that we end up wishing everybody — friend or foe. A strange equality has crept among us that is both comforting and thwarting at the same time.

I secretly thank the rectangular pieces hung over our faces because I can now 'not see' the agony of the father whose son is in the ICU. The pain that I had to hide behind my face can now be freed because the mask is my new skin. However, the little girl who walks into my OPD with a flowery home-made cloth mask demands to get my mask removed for her to see who I am! Her mother wore the mask like a frill around her chin and I grin confidently under the secure cover that mine provided.

Balancing between recognition and concealment, my eyes and voice overwork. The corner of my eye spots the flask with cold and orphaned tea. I did not want to part with my precious mask for tea.

I still remember the day when I wore a mask for the first time in my Medical College, I felt breathless, the smell of the mask stifled me, I periodically pulled it down to take deep breaths to seemingly replenish my oxygen starved lungs. Today, I breathe beneath it as if I am inhaling the petrichor and I enjoy the personal space that the mask provides between me and the world.

However, the passivity of breathing gets challenged when my glasses get fogged with every exhalation. Through those hazy glasses I can now clearly behold the ephemeral life bestowed upon us and I really hope that the mask does not allow uninvited invisible guests. It is my trusted friend who hides the imperfections of my face and my vulnerable countenance. Like the freedom of staring at others under your dark goggles, the mask allows me to smile and sulk as I want. It reminds me that what I am to me matters more than edited pictures for display. I am still me sans the face. When I get back home my toddler hesitates to open the door after peeping through the window and her quizzical look plants a seed of doubt in me. As soon as I call out her name I catch the gleam of recognition in her eyes and she welcomes me. And that reiterates that I am still me sans the face. With every mask that I discard at dusk I hope I have moulted the divisiveness among us and unmasked humanity.

Webinar on 'Community Development'

Mysuru, July 12- The Department of Social Work, Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre (PBMMEC)-PG Wing of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, KRS Road, Mysuru, had organised a 4-day International Webinar on 'Recent Trends in Community Development' from July 6 to 9.

Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Director of PBMMEC, a renowned economist and Professor, delivered the inaugural address. He briefly highlighted on the importance and the role of social workers in developing a community at the grassroot level. The keynote address was given by Pradipta Kadambari, Senator - Purbanchal University & Principal - Kadambari Memorial College, Nepal.

The webinar provided the students an opportunity to learn about community camp which due to the pandemic could not be conducted.

The first session on 'Development Programmes: A Community Perspective' had some eminent speakers like Rev. Fr. Dr. M.K. Joseph, Associate Professor, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi, Kerala, who spoke on the origin and history of community development in India and abroad.

Second speaker was Dr. Chandramouli, Asst. Professor and Chairperson, DoS in Social Work, University of Mysore (UoM), who enlightened the participants on the various programmes related to community development.

The third speaker was Rev. Fr. Dr. Norby Paul, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Social Work, Catholic University of Eastern Africa. He spoke about socialisation and social isolation.

The final speaker of the day was D. Premajyothi, Assistant Professor at the Department of Social Work, PBMMEC, who educated the delegates on the steps to be achieved towards attaining sustainable development goals in the community.

The second session on 'Community Mental Health, Hygiene and Pollution' was started off by Dr. Suman K. Murthy, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, PBMMEC, who spoke extensively on 'Community Mental Health in Times of Pandemic COVID-19.' Mahesh Chandra Guru, Director at Vikasana Institute of Rural and Urban Development, Mandya, threw light upon various issues in the community related to environmental hygiene.

In the third session on 'People's Participation in Community Development,' a panel discussion was held. The panellists were Dr. Jose Antony, Head, Dept. of Social Work, Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala; Dr. Chandramouli, Assistant Professor and Chairperson, DoS in Social Work, UoM and Chikkalingaiah, Project Officer, Careworks Foundation, Bengaluru. The session was moderated by Dr. Sangeetha R. Mane, Professor & Chairperson, Dept. of Social Work, Karnatak University, Dharwad. The third day was entirely dedicated to the fourth session on 'Participatory Rural Appraisal Techniques.' C.C. Pavate, Director, Mithra Counselling Centre, Tumakuru, explained the techniques in an elaborate manner with suitable examples.

On the last day of the webinar, the fifth session concentrated on 'Community Development: The Way Forward,' elaborating upon two major areas: Career Opportunities and Research Avenues.

Dr. H.R. Chandrashekhara, Faculty, Department of Social Work, Bangalore Central University, Bengaluru, clearly explained to the participants the various career opportunities available in the community ranging from Governmental to non-Governmental organisations within the State and the nation and those abroad.

Dr. TBBSV Ramannaiah, retd. Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Mysore, spoke on research avenues in community development. The webinar saw participants from across the globe — Afghanistan, Australia, Finland, Gambia, Nepal, UAE, USA, Canada and India.

Safety materials distributed

Distribution of essential safety materials to Traffic Police Station, V.V. Puram, Mysuru.

Mysuru, July 12- In connection with the wide spread of COVID-19 across the globe, as a part of social responsibility and as a support in fight against the global pandemic, National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, distributed the essential safety materials to Police Stations and Urban Primary Health Centres (PHCs) of Mysuru city on July 9.

During this event the essential safety materials like face covers (Masks), hand sanitisers and handwashing solution of worth Rs.12,000, was distributed to Police Stations of Metagalli and V.V. Puram Extension, Traffic Police Station of V.V. Puram Extension and Urban PHCs of Saraswathipuram and Kuvempunagar.

The event was supported by Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS, R.K. Bharath, CEO, GSSS, Anupama B. Pandit, Administrative Officer, GSSSIETW and Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Mysuru.

The event was coordinated by NSS Programme Officer S.N. Sheshadri, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry & NSS Coordinator Syeda Nausheen Fathima, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, GSSSIETW, Mysuru.

Distribution of essential safety materials to Urban Primary Health Centre, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru.

Losing jobs to COVID pandemic, people sell face masks to survive

Face masks too have transformed — from monotonous white ones to stylish and designer wear

By S.B. Devaraj

Masks will become a symbol of a civilised society. If you want to protect yourselves and others from the disease, the use of a mask is important," Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said in his address to the nation via the radio programme *Mann Ki Baat*.

It began with people wearing masks as protective gear against air pollution that saw a spike in recent times in many parts of the country. Now with the Coronavirus pandemic, masks have become a necessity, so much so that medical stores and other suppliers are having a hard time meeting its burgeoning demand.

Mask making, selling and distributing has turned into a viable livelihood option for many during these times of distress. Now people are dumping surgical masks for designer face covers which can be paired with their dresses. It's evident from the fact that the sale of normal masks has come down while the sale of designer masks gone up.

Masks are manufactured in almost all colours and designs as preferred by men, women and children. Now thousands of designer masks are being manufactured in various hosiery units across the country. They range between Rs. 100 and Rs. 300 and are sold at double the price in the market.

A LUCRATIVE BUSINESS

Making and marketing masks have become a good source of income for thousands of people who have lost their profession, business or jobs due to the pandemic. Many people belonging to various professions and jobs such as auto and cab drivers, factory workers, shop employees, small business operators, chat centre owners, fruit juice sellers have switched over to mask-making and marketing.

Facing a lot hardship due to loss of income, they went in search of an alternative profession when they found that making and selling of face masks — the wearing of which has been made mandatory by the Government as a safety measure against COVID-19 — a lucrative business.

Wasting no time, some of them got down to the business in right earnest by moving around public joints and other prominent public places in bicycles or two-wheelers to sell masks .These enterprising people move around busy junctions and tourist spots such as Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill, Sub-Urban Bus Stand, City Bus Stand, Kukkarahalli Lake, Crawford Hall, markets in the hub of the city, Court Complex and such other venues, where people gather in large numbers and sell face masks at affordable prices. Some street vendors, taking cue from them, too sell face masks to motorists who stop at traffic signals on busy roads.

While some jobless people are procuring face masks at wholesale rates and selling them with a margin to buyers, a few others are making them on their own and selling it for a handsome profit.

TOURIST GUIDE TO MASK SELLER

Yogesh, a tourist guide and a resident of Gandhinagar, said that he was deeply disturbed when the COVID-19 lockdown was enforced. "The plight of sustaining my family at this critical juncture, I thought of a novel idea of selling masks, as it had become a hot selling one with the Government making it mandatory for everyone to wear it," he said.

Stating that he buys hundreds of masks at wholesale rates and sells them for a profit to the people moving on his scooter to various destinations, Yogesh said that he earns about Rs. 200 on an average everyday, which is just enough for his family's daily needs.

Manjunath, a resident of old Bandikeri, said that he used to sell bangles near the Palace during the day and work at a snacks centre in the evening. But now both his business and the snacks centre have shut down and finding no other way of livelihood, he took to selling masks.

ALTERNATIVE OPTION

"I sell masks everyday standing near Crawford Hall and the City Law Courts Complex and earn about Rs. 200 a day," he said and added that his business depends entirely on the number of people visiting these places.

Salim, a Tongawalla, said that he has stopped riding his Tonga as there are hardly any takers. Tourists have stopped arriving in city. "Realising that it will take at least a year for the revival of tourism sector, I took to selling of masks to earn a livelihood," he said adding that most of his fellow tongawallas too have taken to mask selling or other similar small business.

The latest masks look different — made of coloured or printed fabric they are nothing close to the monotonous black, grey or white masks that we were buying earlier. The branded products came to be available in attractive designs, packaged at varying price range, as people began to opt for colourful designer masks.

MASKS DISPOSAL

Meanwhile, as the sale of masks is going on briskly in city, the question of disposal of used masks too comes to the fore at the same time. People should not throw used masks in their dustbin or indiscreetly elsewhere.

Used masks should be stocked in a separate plastic cover and handed over to civic workers who visit households every day. Used masks are treated as clinical waste, indiscreet throwing and disposal of face masks invite penalty by the civic authorities.

WORD OF THE DAY

Divagate

Pronunciation: DYE-vuh-gayt.

Meaning: To wander or stray from a course or subject : diverge, digress.

Origin: Divagate hasn't wandered far in meaning from its Latin ancestors. It descends from the verb divagari, which comes from dis-, meaning "apart," and vagari, meaning "to wander." Vagari also gave us vagabond, meaning "a wanderer with no home," and extravagant, an early, now archaic, sense of which was "wandering away." Latin vagari is also probably the source of our noun vagary, which now usually means "whim or caprice" but originally meant "journey, excursion, or tour." Even the verb stray may have evolved from vagari, by way of Vulgar Latin extravagare. Today, divagate can suggest a wandering or straying that is literal (as in "the hikers divagated from the trail"), but it is more often used figuratively (as in "she divagated from the topic").

Example: The novel divagates and meanders through a labyrinth of subplots and asides.

THE ODD WORD

Daboya

Large Indian viper.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Dance attendance on

Meaning: To wait upon someone in an overly assiduous or sycophantic manner.

Origin: The derivation of this phrase isn't known. It probably has the same root source as kick one's heels, although that is a later phrase. Both phrases refer to someone shuffling and tapping their feet impatiently while waiting to be summoned. The first citation of 'dance attendance' is from John Skelton's Why come ye nat to courte?, circa 1522: "And Syr ye must daunce attendance, And take patient sufferaunce, For my Lords Grace, Hath now no time or space, To speke with you as yet."

Shakespeare later used it in King Henry VI, Part I, 1592: YORK:

I'll tell thee, Suffolk, why I am unmeet:
First, for I cannot flatter thee in pride;
Next, if I be appointed for the place,
My Lord of Somerset will keep me here,
Without discharge, money, or furniture,
Till France be won into the Dauphin's hands:
Last time, I danced attendance on his will
Till Paris was besieged, famish'd, and lost.

QUOTE BOX

Don't practice until you get it right. Practice until you can't get it wrong.

—Unknown

RIDDLE THIS

What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

Answer :A promise.

SUDOKU

				2	9			
		1		8			7	
	7					6		3
								4
9			1	3	6			5
5								
7		6					8	
	3			4		9		
			5	6				

Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	7	1	6	2	4	3	8
2	1	4	9	3	8	5	6	7
3	6	8	7	4	5	2	9	1
6	3	2	5	9	7	8	1	4
7	4	5	8	1	3	6	2	9
9	8	1	4	2	6	3	7	5
4	7	3	6	8	9	1	5	2
1	5	6	2	7	4	9	8	3
8	2	9	3	5	1	7	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Grad. Rec. Exam.
4 Monogram of the comment's speaker
7 Distinguished Service Medal, abbr.
10 Work doggedly
11 Mine material
12 Slippery customers!
14 Indian rice dish
16 Pompeii's bane?
17 An affirmative reply
18 Sore and painful
19 Faint-hearted
20 Tree of the genus Quercus
21 Shake or wave to and fro
22 Reactions of surprise
24 ___ Roshan made his debut in Kaho Na Pyar Hai
28 Rodent larger than the mouse
29 Place or situate?
30 Numerical prefix
31 Municipality, town or village
33 Superlative suffix?
34 Air Data Ref.
35 Soapy water or soap bubble
37 Do it to show pain?
40 Rockers Stone Temple Pilots
41 East Indian shrub
44 A case for needles
45 Practical, viable or workable
47 Spreads out for drying
48 Local Area Network
49 Gave a signal to an actor?
50 Female ruff
51 Ancient or aged
52 And so on abbr.

DOWN

1 Great delight
2 Long thin implements made of metal or wood
3 ___ on : incite or encourage?
4 City in Uttar Pradesh
5 Concoct
6 ____ about : attend to?
7 Highly pleased
8 Clothes line?
9 Roman 1056
10 Firmament overhead?
13 Melancholy or pitiful
15 Period or age
19 Make lace either way?
20 Banish; exclude by general consent
21 Resist, weather or stop
22 Globe or eyeball
23 Monetary unit of Vietnam
25 Floor covering
26 Inland Revenue Service, acronym?
27 A collection of tools
32 Pindar piece
36 Bull periods
37 Moistened
38 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
39 Naked
40 Close up; make secure
41 Stand next to
42 Ex-English wicket keeper Stewart
43 Light-Emitting Diode
45 Petname for Florence
46 Solid water

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	W	I	N	■	S	I	B	■	L	U	N	G
L	I	N	E	■	E	P	I	■	A	G	E	R
I	N	S	T	■	E	O	S	■	I	L	I	E
A	D	O	■	U	N	D	E	R	L	I	N	G
■	■	M	P	H	■	■	C	H	A	■	■	■
M	A	N	I	F	E	S	T	O	■	I	S	T
R	U	I	N	■	V	I	E	■	A	N	T	I
I	R	A	■	L	A	N	D	S	L	I	D	E
■	■	■	N	A	L	■	■	O	P	T	■	■
R	I	D	I	C	U	L	E	D	■	I	B	M
O	R	E	O	■	A	R	K	■	A	A	R	E
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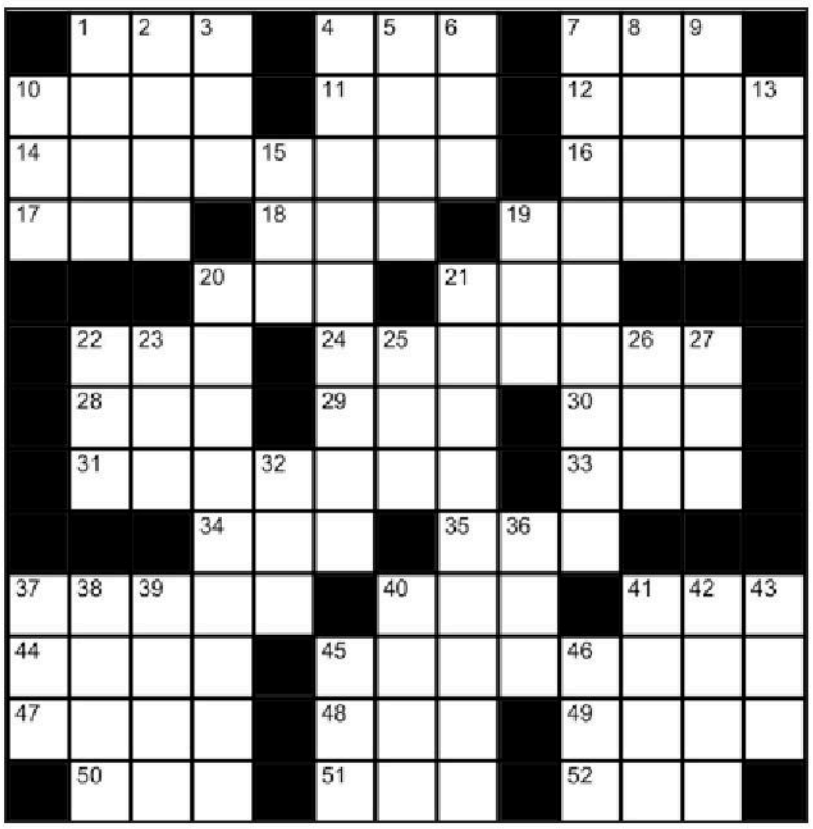

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FYG GRRGDKG ZI VDZMOGPWG NR YTENDW NF FZ TJJOU

NF, DZF YTENDW NF FZ KZDIGRR UZCA NWDZATDKG.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it foregoes revenge and dares to forgive an injury

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A garbage dumping spot near DC's Office

A spot near the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) has become a garbage dumping spot. Though there are no houses in the surroundings of the DC's Office, garbage is being dumped at the spot. Though MCC officials and other officials visit the DC's Office now and then, it looks that the garbage dump has not been noticed. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Plea to cover switch board in Ashokapuram

The switch board of the high mast lamp at Ashokapuram Circle, which was repaired recently, has been left uncovered which is posing danger to the public. The electrical wires have come out and the public may get electrocuted if they come in contact with the wires accidentally. Also, garbage dumped near the lamp mast is left uncleared causing a lot of inconvenience. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the problems solved at the earliest.

Prevent garbage dumping at Nazarbad

This spot on Chamundi Vihar Stadium Road, right in front of Gopala Gowda Hospital, is converted into a place to dump household garbage. Apart from the hospital, there is a park nearby where the garbage is being dumped which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the public, who are forced to cover their nose while moving on this road as foul smell is emanating from it. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage cleared and also prevent people from dumping garbage here.

Installation Ceremony of Rotary Mysore

The Installation Ceremony of new office-bearers of Rotary Mysore for the year 2020-21 was held in city recently. Seen are (from left) Community Service Director Rtn. M.N. Venkatesh, Club Service Director Rtn. V. Santhosh, Vocational Service Director Rtn. N. Praveen, Joint Secretary Rtn. K.N. Manoj Kumar, President-Elect Rtn. Ramachandra Raje Urs, Youth Service Director Rtn. K.N. Suhas, President Rtn. S. Manjesh Kumar, Secretary Rtn. Roopa Venkatesh, IMPP Rtn. Chethan Vishwanath, Vice-President Rtn. D. Ravi Shankar, Treasurer Rtn. Subramanya Rao, International Service Director Rtn. K.C. Ponnanna and Sergeant-at-arms Rtn. Srinivas N. Seerpu.

Helping Hands office-bearers

Mysuru, July 12- Helping Hands Trustees meeting was held on July 8 where the following persons were selected by the Trustees as the new office-bearers for the period of 2020-2022:

Mahaveer Khabiya - President; Anand Patwa - Secretary and Rajan Baghmar - Treasurer.

Board Members of Mysore Elite Ladies Circle-141

Mysore Elite Ladies Circle-141 had change of Board recently. Seen in the picture are (from left) Cr. Bindhu Sharath (Secretary), Cr. Dakshayini Gautham (Past Chairperson), Cr. Ashwini Arun (Chairperson) and Cr. Garima Chopra (Treasurer) of Mysore Elite Ladies Circle-141.

New team of Rotary Mysore Brindavan

The new team of Rotary Mysore Brindavan was installed in city recently. Seen are (standing from left) Aruna (Youth Service), Diwakar (Teach), Mahendra (Wins), Prakash Keshav (Sports Chairman), Keshav (TRF), R.S. Raj (International Service), Jayashetty (Vice-President), J. Mahesh (President-Elect), Chandrakanth (Community Service), Ashwath (Membership Development) and Harish Kulkarni (Web); (sitting from left) Subraya (AG 19-20), Prabhakar Murthy (Secretary 19-20), Prakash R. Hansoge (President 19-20), PDG Dr. Nagarjuna (Installing Officer), A.G. Nanjappaswamy (President 20-21), K.V. Manjunath (Secretary 20-21) and H.M. Harish (AG 20-21).

India's 2018 tiger census creates

Guinness record for largest camera trap survey

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS
CERTIFICATE
The largest camera-trap wildlife survey was the 2018-19 Status of Tigers in India report, which placed camera traps in 26,838 locations, surveyed an effective area of 121,337 km² (46,848 sq mi) and captured 76,651 photos of tigers. The study was overseen by the National Tiger Conservation Authority and the Wildlife Institute of India (both India).
OFFICIALLY AMAZING

New Delhi, July 12- The tiger census conducted in 2018 has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for being the world's largest camera trap wildlife survey in which camera traps were placed at 26,838 locations across 141 different sites.

The Union Environment Ministry statement yesterday called India's tiger conservation efforts a "gold standard" for the world.

Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar tweeted, "The All India Tiger Estimation is now in the Guinness World Records for being the largest camera trap wildlife survey, a great moment indeed and a shining example of Aatmanirbhar Bharat." He also said that India fulfilled its target of doubling tiger numbers four years in advance of its promised 2022 deadline. The 2018 All India Tiger estimation had found 2,967 tigers in the country, compared to 2,226 in 2014.

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Whereas the Disciplinary Authority had ordered an enquiry into the charges framed against Shri S.M. Sahadevan, the then DPO/MYS, vide memorandum No.P/UBL/227/Gaz./P/SMS/371, dated 08.03.2019, by appointing an Inquiry Officer.

And whereas the Inquiry Officer had completed the enquiry and submitted the report. A copy of the enquiry report was forwarded to the last known address of Shri S.M. Sahadevan, which was returned by the Postal authorities with remarks "Door locked".

Shri S.M. Sahadevan, the then DPO/MYS, is hereby given a final opportunity to collect a copy of the enquiry report from this office, **within 10 days of publication of this notice**, on any working day, with prior intimation.

If Shri S.M Sahadevan fails to respond within the said time, further action will be taken in the disciplinary case, ex-parte.

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